



**Department of
Toxic Substances
Control**

*Preventing
environmental
damage from
hazardous waste,
and restoring
contaminated
sites for all
Californians.*



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Fact Sheet, June 2007

Cleanup Plan Available For Review

A draft plan to remove lead contaminated soil from the proposed addition to the East Valley High School campus is open for public review and comment. The draft plan, called a Removal Action Workplan, or RAW, was submitted by the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). The proposed addition will include a practice gymnasium, athletic field, lighting, and batting cages. The site of the proposed addition is located at 5525 Vineland Avenue in North Hollywood.

This fact sheet provides a brief summary of:

- Why Cleanup Is Necessary
- Site History and Location
- Site Investigation and Results
- Cleanup Options
- Proposed Plan
- Safety and Dust Control During Cleanup
- Transportation Route for Work Trucks
- Notice of Exemption
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Why Cleanup is Necessary

There is **no** immediate health risk because the public is not exposed to the lead contaminated soil. However, because exposure to elevated levels of lead can cause adverse health effects, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) recommended the school district prepare a cleanup plan that ensures that students and staff are not exposed to the contaminated soil. DTSC will oversee the removal action and will make certain it is performed in a manner that does not harm people or the environment.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

June 18, 2007 to July 2, 2007

The Draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) and other related project documents for this school site are available for review and public comment at the locations listed on page 3. We will make a final decision after all public comments have been reviewed and considered. Please submit written comments in the enclosed postage paid return envelope postmarked by **July 2, 2007**; or email before the deadline date no later than 5 p.m. to:

Jeanne Matsumoto, Public Participation Specialist, jmatsumo@dtsc.ca.gov.

*Si desea información en español, comuníquese con Leticia Hernandez
al (714) 484-5488 o número gratis 1-866-495-5651 oprima el **número 4***



Site History and Location

The site of the proposed addition is 6.4 acres in size. It is on the corner of Vineland Avenue and Cumpston Street, adjacent to the south of the high school. The site has been occupied by the Caltrans District 7 Maintenance Facility since 1927. A total of four buildings are currently on the site: two garage buildings, an office building, and an office trailer. The site was made up of residential properties before being acquired by Caltrans.

Site Investigation and Results

Several site investigations have been conducted since 2002. It is estimated that 46 cubic yards of soil along the eastern boundary of the site contain elevated levels of lead. The lead contamination is believed to have resulted from the use of lead-based paint on existing buildings and previous structures on the site. Although lead occurs naturally in soil, it is also used in various manufacturing processes and was used in paint until federal laws changed to restrict its use in 1978.

Cleanup Options

Alternative 1 – No Action

Alternative 2 – Treatment

Alternative 3 – Institutional Controls and Onsite Containment (Capping)

Alternative 4 – Excavation, Removal, and Off-Site Disposal

Based on careful analysis of the options, Alternative 4 – Excavation, Removal, and Offsite Disposal is recommended because it protects human health and the environment, is permanent, and has a reasonable cost. Details of each of the removal action alternatives are listed in Section 4 of the Draft RAW.

Proposed Plan

If Alternative 4 is selected, cleanup could take place as early as late-June. Removal of the contaminated soil would entail using a backhoe, bulldozer, tracked excavator, shovels or other types of earth moving equipment, as necessary. The soil will either be temporarily stockpiled or loaded directly onto trucks for off-site disposal at a licensed facility. After the contaminated soil is removed, samples will be taken to confirm that the cleanup was effective in removing the contaminated soil.

Safety and Dust Control During Cleanup

Some of the actions the LAUSD will take to ensure safety of the public and to minimize dust include:

- Installation of temporary fencing with windscreens for security
- Driving at slow speeds while on the property
- Spraying of work areas with clean water to control dust
- Securing trucks with covers before they leave the site
- Monitoring the air at the site to ensure the amount of dust stays at safe levels

Transportation Route for Work Trucks

It will take about 3 truckloads to remove the soil. Trucks will enter and exit the site from Vineland Avenue. To minimize potential impacts on the local neighborhood, trucks will leave the site by taking Vineland Avenue south, then turning right on Magnolia Boulevard and entering the 170 Freeway north. The soil will be transported to a state-approved disposal facility. The cleanup process is expected to take about two days to complete. This includes soil removal, transportation, and confirmation soil sampling and analysis. Work hours are planned for 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Notice of Exemption

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project. The NOE states that the proposed cleanup will not have a significant negative effect on human health and the environment because of short duration, relatively small amount of contaminated soil to be removed, and the controlled way in which the contaminated soils will be dug out, loaded onto trucks and taken away to an approved/permitted facility for lawful disposal.

Next Steps

At the close of the Public Comment Period, DTSC will review and consider any public comments and make any necessary revisions to the draft RAW prior to final approval. Also, a Response to Comments Document will be mailed to anyone who makes a comment and provides their name and address. After the cleanup process is completed, LAUSD will conduct soil testing to confirm cleanup goals have been reached and submit a Removal Action Completion Report to the DTSC for review and approval.

Where to Find Site Documents

The Draft RAW and other related documents for East Valley High School are available at the following locations:

North Hollywood Regional Branch Library

Reference Desk
5211 Tujunga Avenue
North Hollywood, CA 91601
Phone: (818) 766-7185

East Valley High School

Main Office
5525 Vineland Avenue
North Hollywood, CA 91601
Phone: (818) 753-4400

Department of Toxic Substances Control

Regional Records Office
5796 Corporate Avenue
Cypress, CA 90630
Contact: Julie Johnson, (714) 484-5337
Hours: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday – Friday

Los Angeles Unified School District

Office of Environmental Health and Safety
1055 W. 7th Street, 9th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90017
Contact: Eloy Florez, (213) 893-7405
Eloy.florez@lausd.net
Hours: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday – Friday

The documents are also available online at the LAUSD web site: www.laschools.org/find-a-school

Who to Contact for Information

If you have any questions about the project or cleanup activities, please contact:

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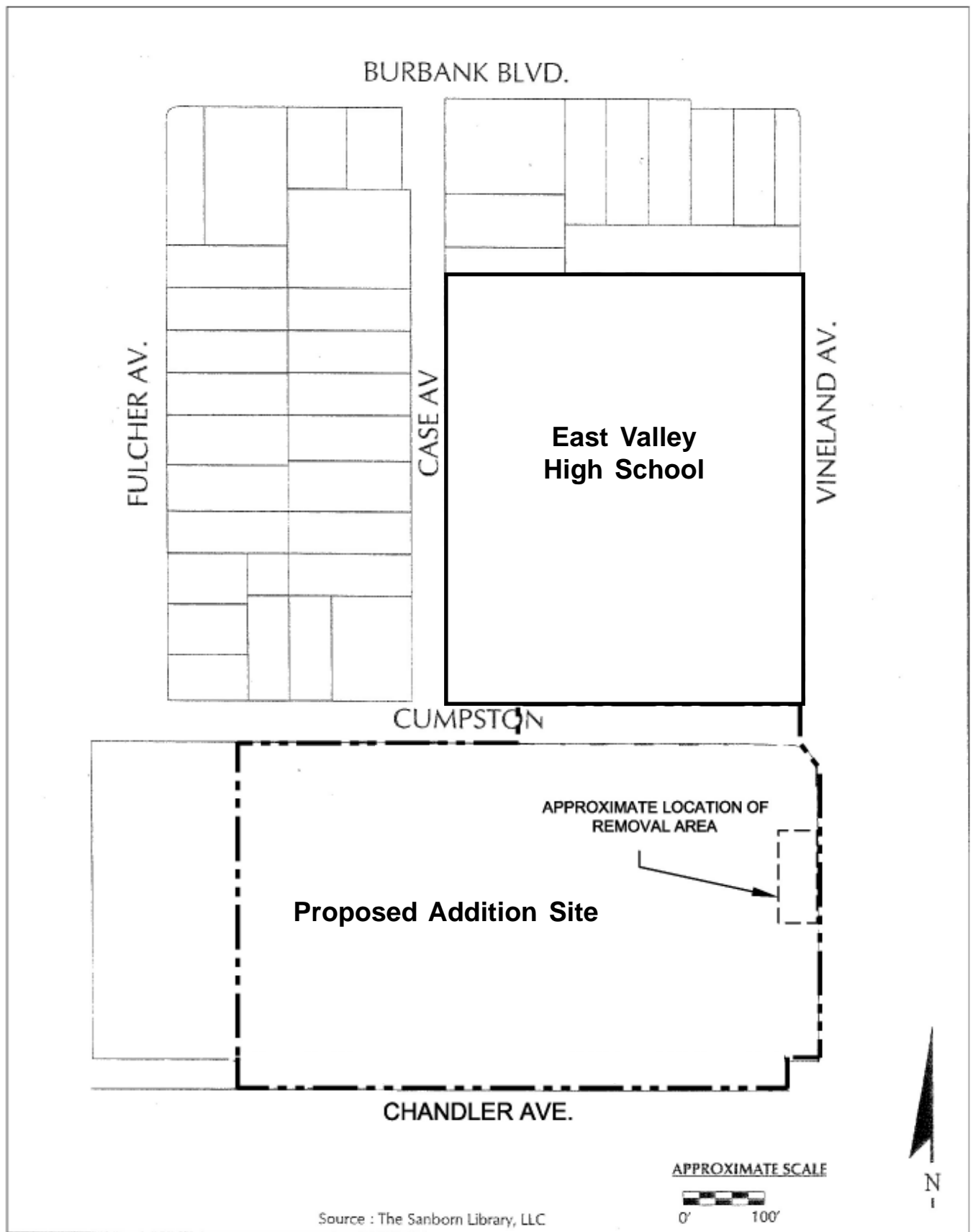
Si desea información en español, comuníquese con: Leticia Hernandez, Especialista en Participación Pública del DTSC, al (714) 484-5488, oprima el numero 4.

For Media Inquiries

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Notice to Hearing-Impaired Individuals

You can obtain additional information about the site by using the California State Relay Service at (888) 877-5378 (TDD), or by calling Jeanne Matsumoto, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (714) 484-5338 or toll free 1-866-495-5651 and press option 4.



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